

LOCAL NEWS.

Hon. Wm. A. Jones, our representative in Congress, will address the people of Accomac, at the Court-house on next court-day, 28th inst.

Holly Grove farm, near Franktown, sold at public auction, at Eastville, last Monday, was bought by Mr. Jno. E. Nottingham for \$5,867.

Mr. Thomas W. Rayfield on his way to Eastville last Monday, was thrown from his buggy and had his leg broken just above the ankle.

The Board of Supervisors met at the Alms House, last Wednesday. Their next meeting will be held at Accomac C. H., Wednesday, October 14th.

The Warrington house and lot, near Keller, sold by Mr. U. B. Quinby, trustee, last week, at public auction, was bid off to Mr. Geo. T. Coleburn at \$800.

The announcement is made through the Richmond Times that ex-Gov. Wm. E. Cameron will be at Accomac C. H., next court-day, to speak for the gold-bugs.

The treasurer and deputy treasurer now have their books open for the collection of taxes for year 1896. Notices of their appointments will appear in the next issue of this paper.

In this issue will be found new advertisements, of interest to our readers, of the following merchants: Ashby & Beloit, Accomac C. H.; A. H. G. Mears, Wachapreague, and Slocumb Bros., Onancock.

Andrew Braxton, colored, near Pungoteague, was lodged in jail this week by Constable Jos. C. Wescott for striking William Bailey, colored, a blow with a sharp, blunt instrument, which it is thought, will prove fatal.

The Onancock School of Business will not close, as has been reported, but is on the up-grade. The principal expects a good school, will confine himself to it and is prepared to give a good English education as well as a practical business one.

Mr. Robert S. Drummond, a farmer and worthy citizen, was stricken down with paralysis at his home near Cashville on Friday, 11th inst., and died in a few hours thereafter, aged 64 years. His wife and three children survive him.

Margaret Academy, Onancock, opened this week with 88 pupils and accessions are expected soon which will make the number as large as that of any previous year. The school opened last year with a much smaller number in attendance.

A revival meeting is now in progress at Drummondtown M. E. Church, South, and the attendance has been large every night. Rev. Albert A. Jones, father of the pastor, is conducting the meeting and preaching fine sermons. To this time there has been but one convert.

Special attention is invited to advertisement of Jas. W. Broughton & Son, general insurance agents, Hallwood. They represent first class companies and two of the largest in the world. They invite your patronage and we cordially commend them.

The Board of Supervisors at their meeting at the Alms House on Wednesday, after witnessing practical tests of the Stempel Fire Extinguisher made by Mr. H. R. Bennett, of Parkesley, of the Eastern agency, ordered an equipment for the Alms House.

Mr. George Beasley, of this county, and Miss Louise Matilde Larsen, formerly of Norway, were married at Onancock, Wednesday, 16th inst. Rev. Albert A. Jones, of the M. E. Church, South, officiating. A reception followed at the groom's home near Locustville, with about forty guests present.

John A. Bundick, trustee, will sell at public auction, at Parkesley, on Saturday, October 19th next, the house and lot of James R. Lewis, situated in said town. The dwelling is new and of modern style and located in a desirable part of the thrifty town. For particulars see posters.

Sheriff John H. Wise arrived from Altoona, Pa., last Thursday with Joseph Beckly and Carroll Wayman, two of the prisoners who escaped from jail recently. Beckly robbed the Captain of the Virginia Oyster Navy of a considerable sum of money; Wayman was charged with several cases of housebreaking at Harborton.

Arthur Laws, colored, one of the eight prisoners who escaped from our jail a few weeks ago, was captured by Constable C. C. Dix on Gasoline Steamer while at Hunting Creek, on her way to Baltimore, last Wednesday. He is the seventh one that has been recaptured. The offense for which he is in custody is breaking into storehouse of Mr. Asa J. Bundick at Storehouse.

The trial of Wood Chase, of Cattail Neck, charged with drowning two negroes in St. Mary's C. M., about five years ago, begins at Leonardtown, Md., next week, and will result in his acquittal without doubt, if the evidence of witnesses counts anything with a Maryland jury. Mr. Chase will be able to prove by several persons of high character and unquestioned integrity who witnessed the drowning of the negroes, that they were drowned while in pursuit of him by the capsizing of their boat and that they only reason for pursuing him was that he had reprimanded them for whipping a white boy. Mr. Chase will be represented at the trial by Hon. J. W. G. Blackstone, of this county.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Chincoteague.

Miss Sallie Holland, of Hornstown, is the guest of Miss Bessie Anderson, of Assateague.

Schooners Medora Francis and Sunbeam loaded with oysters this week, for Norfolk.

Mr. John Warren and wife, of Salisbury, are here on a visit to their son John, this week.

Capt. James E. Matthews is visiting the northern cities this week, for the purpose of buying new furniture for his hotel.

Mr. O. M. Chandler, of Mappsville, spent several days with us this week, making arrangements for the erection of a barrel-house. He will manufacture barrels here this year on a larger scale than ever before.

A public exhibition of the Stempel Fire Extinguisher will be given at Matthews Hotel, Chincoteague Island, on next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Every property owner on the island should see this test.

C. E. Babbitt, Jr., of this place, has been awarded the contract to move Cobbs Island Life Saving Station. The beach was so badly washed by recent N. E. winds that the station had to be moved from its present site.

Mr. Sherritts and family, sojourners at Assateague during the summer, left for their home, in Baltimore, on Tuesday, and Mrs. Mollie King after a visit of several weeks to her father, Dr. N. S. Smith, left for her home in Washington on Wednesday.

Arrivals at Atlantic hotel this week: W. B. Tracey, New York; E. M. Gibson, C. E. Byrd, J. H. Peddemann, John Sherman, Baltimore; F. C. Hanna, J. J. Uman, Jas. A. Conner, Rolly Moore, Philadelphia; Chas. West, Frankford, Del.; S. R. Estes, Wilmington; H. D. Dubler, Salisbury; Judge J. W. G. Blackstone, W. S. Holland, O. M. Chandler, Accomac.

Parkesley.

Our milliners are in the cities looking after the fall styles.

Mr. Will Bounds, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. D. H. Johnson's family.

Miss Nellie Montfort, of New Jersey, is visiting friends at Parkesley and vicinity.

Mr. L. F. Hinman, of Altoona, after spending a few days in Parkesley has returned home.

Mr. Wm. Bowen has completed the roof of Pate & Mason's brick store, and of Dr. Ewell's drug store.

Mr. John O. Taylor is engaged in putting the roof on Oscar L. Ewell's and Jas. R. Hickman's stores.

D. F. and Roy D. White have been spending the week at Machapungo and Wachapreague, surveying the oyster grounds.

Miss Lou Johnson's house is finished with the exception of the porch roof. She and her mother have moved in her new building.

One of our fair visitors is the possessor of a bicycle, and excites considerable attention and admiration as she gracefully glides through our town.

One of the bricklayers on Pate & Mason's storehouse fell from the second floor to the first Saturday, sprained his arm and otherwise crippled himself.

Mr. Chas. W. Truitt, of Onancock, and a force of assistants are busily engaged framing Dr. Drummond's residence. Mr. Thomas Savage is laying the brick foundation.

Chesconnessex.

Hon. John W. H. Parker is critically ill at this writing.

The crabbing season is pretty well over. The Onancock and Chesconnessex houses only buy now daily from 150 to 400 dozen.

Most of our oystermen have left for the Potomac river to engage in tonging until October 15th, and in dredging after that date.

Schooner William Mason, Capt. James R. Marsh, left here on Tuesday for Crisfield to have necessary repairs made for the coming oyster season.

Schooners Susie Muir, Capt. William E. Barnes, and Lillie Helen, Capt. Wesley Marsh, returned from Havre de Grace this week with coal for our people.

Suicide.

Mrs. Nancy Hart, wife of Capt. Dennis Hart, committed suicide at her home in Cattail Neck, on Monday 14th inst., by burning herself to death. She had been an invalid about 12 years and for the last 5 years has been confined to her bed and could not get out of it without the assistance of others. On Monday she sent her nurse, an elderly lady, to the store about a quarter of a mile distant and her four children to a neighbor and in their absence after saturating herself with coal oil, in some way succeeded in getting about ten yards from the house and set fire to herself, with the result stated. The deceased was an estimable lady and her sad and untimely death has cast a gloom over the community in which she lived. Her death is sincerely regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends. Her mother, husband, four children, brothers and two sisters survive her to mourn their loss.

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Unclaimed Letters.

Mail remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Accomac C. H., Va., September 17th, 1896:

Miss Annie M. Biddle, Mrs. Henrietta Cross, Geo. W. Reah, Miss Susie Savage, R. E. Sullivan, Miss Etta Wallace, Miss Henrietta Williams, Mrs. Emma B. Wilson, Mrs. M. H. Wortham.

WM. P. BELL, P. M.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

August Term, 1896.

The qualification of Hon. J. W. G. Blackstone, judge of the county court of Accomac, was received and recorded.

The qualifications of Dr. Jos. E. Brodwater, as coroner for Accomac Parish, and of Dr. Geo. L. Ames, as coroner of St. George Parish, were received and recorded.

The grand jury list for 1896-97 was handed to the clerk by the judge.

The oaths of office subscribed by Wm. C. Lewis, Noah E. Miles, John R. Drew, Isaac W. Young and John W. Drew, councilmen for the town of Saxis, were returned and recorded.

Last will of John W. Gillet was proved and J. W. G. Blackstone, Thos. W. Blackstone and Benjamin T. Gunter qualified as executors.

The resolutions of respect adopted by the members of the bar and officers of the court, upon the resignation of Judge Gillet, were handed to the court and recorded.

The last will of J. W. A. Elliott was proved and ordered to be recorded.

Spencer F. Rogers qualified as administrator of Isaac T. Wright, Wm. T. Parks, Jr., and John T. White as administrators of Wm. T. Parks, N. B. Wescott as administrator of Rachel Phillips and Robert L. Hopkins as administrator of T. A. Evans, N. B. Wescott qualified as guardian of Margaret Esther Wescott, R. L. Hopkins as guardian of Crocodile R. Evans and James H. Fletcher, Jr., as guardian of Winnie L. and Cynthia T. Chandler.

Dr. Geo. T. Scarburgh resigned as physician to the jail and Dr. John H. Ayres was appointed in his place.

Thos. B. James qualified as road surveyor for election district of Onancock.

Thos. B. Gillespie was appointed and qualified as justice of peace for Metompkin district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William T. Parks.

Roy D. White was appointed and qualified as inspector of oysters for district No. 3.

A certificate required by law was granted to John R. Rew to obtain law license.

Following fiduciary accounts were confirmed and ordered to be recorded: Orphans accounts of Emerson T. George H. and Essie Wescott, Alice M. Custis, nee Bull, Otho Judson, Francis J. Maggie S. and Bessie C. Kellam, Bessie L. Sturgis, nee Bull, and Sarah Y. Anderson—administration accounts of Estelita F. Anderson, Wm. C. Waters, Wm. H. Marshall, Edward J. Taylor, John S. Johnson and T. B. C. Gibb—Wm. F. Drummond's account with committee and orphan accounts of Carroll C. Kellam and Oscar L. Powell.

Petition of John F. Nelson, Jr., and others was filed for a public road and viewers appointed.

Last will of Leah Powell was proved and ordered to be recorded.

John H. Major was discharged from jail, having served his term and being unable to pay fine and costs.

Orders payable out of State treasury were entered as follows: For sheriff, \$10; jailer, \$178.55; James B. Taylor, constable, \$16.15; Tankard G. Kellam, constable, \$13.20 and Thos. G. Clayton, J. P., \$1; F. Drummond, M. D., \$7.50; G. T. Scarburgh, M. D., \$9; M. Oldham, Jr., clerk, \$47 and \$25.

Ex parte: Petition of Eliza Marshall, &c., late guardian. Order for F. Lloyd Nock to withdraw funds from Marine Bank, pay costs and taxes and remove cause from docket.

Ex parte: Petition of George S. Hoffman's late guardian. Order for guardian to withdraw funds from Marine Bank, to pay costs and taxes and remove cause from docket.

O. W. Godwin's administrator, appellant vs. Louis C. H. Taylor, appellee. Judgment of J. P. reversed and judgment for appellant for amount of his claim.

Order entered authorizing county treasurer to check for 1895 and 1896 taxes and clerk's fee in suit of Rose Belote, widow vs. William J. Belote's administrators.

A special grand jury was empanelled and returned true bills; indictment against William Teague for malicious shooting and cutting with intent to maim, &c.—tried, convicted, sent to jail for four months and fined \$25 and costs of prosecution; indictments against Geo. W. Powell, William Moore and Aaron Byrd for catching crabs feloniously in Virginia waters—defendants made default and surety paid penalties of bond into court; an indictment against Henry Brown for rape—defendant tried and acquitted; and "not true bill" indictment against John Wharton, alias John Candis, for burglary.

Mr. N. B. Wescott, the Democratic Elector.

Elector N. B. Wescott was greeted by a very large audience at the Court House Wednesday night when he arose at eight o'clock to expound the faith of Democracy. The audience was not only large, but it was intelligent and earnest and Mr. Wescott's strong able argument was frequently greeted with prolonged applause. Mr. Wescott is a strong, forceful speaker who deals exclusively in facts and arguments and wastes no time in anecdotes or abuse. He said no hard things of the republicans and in a calm dispassionate way presented the great issue to his hearers. Wescott's speeches are vote makers. —Fredericksburg Star, 12th.

Hon. Wm. J. Bryan to Speak at Dover.

MR. EDITOR:—Please insert the following in your paper:

Hon. William J. Bryan, the democratic candidate for President of the United States, will speak at Dover, Delaware, on Monday, September 21st, 1896. Special rates have been made with all railroads for that day.

JOHN D. HAWKINS, Sec'y Dem. Kent Co., Com.

Remember that Slocumb Bros. cost sales will stop October 3rd.

Facts About Our Money.

The total money of the United States is estimated at \$1,800,000,000. The total supply of gold and silver in the United States, June 1st, 1896, is estimated to be: Gold \$807,183,582—silver \$829,273,881. Gold and silver in circulation: Gold, including gold certificates \$498,838,248—silver, including silver certificates, and notes for silver \$450,387,124.

All gold and silver coin, except silver coins of less denomination than one dollar, are legal tender, without limit; coins less than one dollar are legal tender for \$10. National bank notes are not legal tender for any amount. Gold certificates and silver certificates are of the nature of warehouse receipts. They are not legal tender, but are redeemable on demand in what they are issued for.

All United States bonds are payable, principal and interest, in coin—silver or gold 16 to 1—at the option of the debtor-government. All other notes and obligations, except gold and silver certificates, are redeemable and payable in the same money, coin, silver or gold, at the option of the government. The government has issued no gold bonds or gold notes to natives or foreigners. Bondholders cannot refuse to take silver dollars in payment of their interest or principal—it is full legal tender for all such claims—this applies to foreigners as well as Americans.

Prior to 1873 any citizen could take gold or silver to the mints and have it coined into money without charge. The citizen's gold was made into gold coin of any denomination authorized. The citizen's silver was coined into standard silver dollars, each silver dollar weighing sixteen times as much as the gold dollar. This was "free coinage 16 to 1."

In 1873 an act was passed making the mint a bureau of the treasury department and creating the office of director of the mint. This bill discontinued the coinage of standard silver dollars and limited their legal tender power to five dollars. It also authorized the coinage of that currency, the "trade dollar," which was made legal tender for five dollars. Three years after, the trade dollar was deprived of legal quality, and soon after ceased to be coined.

In 1878 Congress restored the full legal tender quality of the standard silver dollar, and authorized the purchase of two to four millions of silver monthly and its coinage into standard silver dollars.

July, 1890, Congress increased the purchase of silver bullion to \$4,500,000 per month, to be paid for in treasury notes, but ordered the coinage of standard silver dollars to cease after July 1st, 1891, except as shall be necessary to provide for the redemption of the treasury notes issued in payment for silver bullion.

The amount of pure silver in a standard silver dollar was fixed in 1793 by the act that established the mint and has never been changed.

It contains 371 grains pure silver. From 1793 to 1873 coinage was free for gold and silver. During all this period of free coinage there was never any trouble about the parity of silver and gold.

In 1873 silver was at a premium of 2 to 4 cents on the dollar. The act of 1873 stopped the free coinage of silver and continued the free coinage of gold. The result is that gold has appreciated and silver has depreciated until the gold in a dollar will sell for almost twice as much as the silver in a dollar, and the country is suffering from financial distress, such as was never known before.

The advocates of free silver ask for a restoration of the law that controlled our coinage prior to and up to 1873. When there was free coinage 16 to 1—silver and gold—the country prospered and every silver dollar was as good as its golden brother, or a little better.

Mr. Carlisle, the present secretary of the treasury of the United States, following the bad example of his republican predecessor, has persistently practiced gold payments for the rich and silver and paper payments for the poor.

The bonds and notes of the government are made payable in coin (silver or gold 16 to 1) at the option of the government. These claims date back to the times of the civil war, and are in large part for the loan of depreciated paper, two dollars of which would not buy one dollar of silver. To pay these in silver coin is to pay them in the money of the contract, and to pay them in much better money than the government got for them. But these silver claims of the rich are paid in gold. While the pensions of heroes with empty sleeves and wooden legs, and the salaries and wages of Americans in the civil, military and naval service of the country are not paid in gold. Gold for the rich at the expense of the poor. The bonded debt of the country has been increased \$292,000,000. The burdens of taxation have been increased \$263,000,000 to buy gold to pay the coin claims of the rich, for which obligations silver is full legal tender. More bonds would doubtless have been issued, but the gold traders feared the effect upon voters.

HARD MONEY.

Church Notes.

Rev. E. E. Harrell will exchange pulpits with Rev. G. E. B. Smith next Sunday.

Revival services conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. S. Dulany, will begin at Ayres Chapel, Sunday, September 20th.

Rev. G. E. B. Smith will begin his revival at Wachapreague the third Sunday in September.

To the Public.

Having been granted the right, I am now prepared to practice medicine and surgery in this State. Those desiring my services hereafter will find me by applying at Hotel Lewis, Parkesley, Va.

DORSEY W. LEWIS, A. M., M. D.

Democratic Campaign Clubs.

Democratic clubs, favoring the election of Bryan, Sewall and Jones are being organized in many sections of Accomac, and the indications point to a large enrollment of votes in every part of the country. Every neighborhood in the county will doubtless have them, and certainly will, if a movement is made in that direction.

HALLWOOD.

Hallwood was the first to take the lead, and enrolled over a hundred members at their first meeting. The heart of every citizen in that section seems to be in the fight for democracy and a hundred or more are expected to be added to the membership of that club at their meeting to night. They have already erected a poll 68 ft. high and a banner 16 ft. long now floats daily to the breeze, on which the names of Bryan, Sewall and Jones 16 to 1 are inscribed.

Their meeting to night, Saturday 19th, will be addressed by Mr. Frank P. Brent and other prominent speakers.

ONANCOCK.

A Bryan, Sewall and Jones Club was started in Onancock, Wednesday, enrolling 50 members. The club meets next Wednesday night 23rd, to complete organization. A full attendance is requested.

CRADDOCKVILLE.

The democratic voters and all interested in the issues of the present campaign of Craddockville and vicinity will meet at Craddockville, Saturday, September 19th, at 7 p. m., for the purpose of organization.

CHINCOTEAGUE.

The advices from Chincoteague are that the voters in that democratic stronghold are rapidly getting into shape and a club has been, or will be organized soon, which will give a good report in November.

Appointment of Teachers.

List of teachers appointed for session 1896-97:

PUNGOTEAGUE DISTRICT.

Wachapreague—E. B. Phillips and Mrs. W. N. Eason.

Keller—Miss M. E. Robins and Miss A. W. Bird.

Pungoteague—J. William Stockley and Miss Bessie Wyatt.

Harborton—S. J. Turlington and Mrs. A. M. Lytle.

Belle Haven—J. H. Johnson and Miss M. R. Nottingham.

Bradford's Neck—Miss Emma LeCato.

Upshur's Neck—Miss May Whyte.

Stockley's Gate—Miss E. L. Reade.

Hawk's Neck—George W. Nock.

Davis Wharf—Miss Lilly Elmore.

Craddockville—H. A. Wise.

Nandua—Miss L. M. Wescott.

Hack's Neck—Miss Essie Mears.

Bobtown—Miss Rebecca Whyte.

Painter—Mrs. Janie Edmunds.

Fair Oaks—Miss Zilla Mapp.

Substitute for District—G. O. Nock.

Colored.

Head Neck—Josephine Booker.

Red Hill—Roxana Yancy.

Mt. Zion—E. G. Wharton.

Belle Haven—H. T. Smith.

Craddockville—M. S. Bailey.

Boston—Wm. H. Palmer.

Pungoteague—Jas. M. Lovey.

Hack's Neck—Nora Bell.

Turlington's Crossing—L. A. Harman.

J. H. TURNER, Clerk.

METOMPKIN DISTRICT.

Bloxom—Miss Belle O. Stokes and one teacher to be supplied.

Guilford—Miss Annie Russell and Miss Lilly Parks.

Gargatha—Roy White.

Hunting Creek—W. S. B. Bond and Miss Mattie C. Churn.

Leemont—Miss A. May Johnson.

Mappsville—Virgil S. Deltrick and Miss Nettie E. Byrd.

Mearsville—John L. Taylor and Miss May E. Hinman.

Modestown—Miss Annie E. Hargis and Miss Nannie M. Elder.

Parkesley—Miss Ethel T. Lewis and Miss S. May Bloxom.

Zion—Miss Carrie M. Johnson and Miss Emma L. Core.

Shiloh—W. P. Gresham.

Hopeton—Miss A. Lula White.

No colored applicants for colored schools eligible. Will superintendent supply names of qualified teachers if possible by order?

Fairs and Festivals.

The ladies of Ocean View M. E. Church, South, will give a lawn party on the hotel campus at Wachapreague, September 19th, to-day.

St. Thomas church, of Guilford church, will hold a festival at the church, on two days of next week, Wednesday and Thursday, the 23rd and 24th. Dinner and supper will be served at prices to suit the hard times.

An all-day festival will be held at Woodberry church, on Wednesday, 30th inst. Dinner, supper, or choice refreshments can be procured at moderate prices.

A fair and festival will be held by the members and friends of Leemont M. P. Church, on Wednesday, September 30th and October